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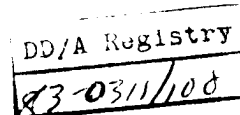
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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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1. The Agency's Preliminary Design for the New Headquarters Building was presented for approval to the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) on 6 October 1983.
2. On 30 September 1983, the Agency was given a draft of the Commission's Staff Report, which contained a caveat that the Commission would not review any final site or building plans until a workable solution had been identified for the offsite road improvements. Since that would disrupt the project schedule, the Agency prepared a statement requesting modification of the caveat.
3. A short time prior to the presentation on 6 October 1983, the Agency was asked to comment on a revised wording of the Staff Report. After receiving assurances from Mr. Reginald W. Griffith, Executive Director, NCPC, that the revision would permit NCPC to give final approval to the site work in December 1983 and prior to identification of a solution to the road issue, the undersigned agreed to support the revised Report.
4. Mr. Glen T. Urquhart, NCPC Chairman, also agreed to support the revised Report and interpretation if the Agency could assure him that (1) the site and building plans could incorporate any adjustments required by the selected offsite road improvements and (2) assure him that by the time for final approval on the site work in December 1983, a feasible offsite road improvement could be identified even though it might not be the one finally selected. The undersigned stated that the site and building plans were indeed flexible and could incorporate any adjustments required by the offsite road solution and that two feasible offsite road solutions were already a matter of record: (1) the proposal shown on the Master Plan and (2) the Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation (VDH&T) recommendation made at the time of the Master Plan review.
5. The Staff Report was made by Mr. Robert Gresham, and immediately following his presentation, Mr. Bruce Kirschenbaum, a President Carter appointee to the Commission, objected strenuously to receiving a revised Staff Report the morning of the presentation. He continued in very strong language to recommend that no approval be considered until the road issue was completely resolved because he felt that the Agency could not be trusted to follow through on its pledge for road improvements. Mr. Urquhart responded at length with strong support of the Agency's actions to date and his trust that the Agency

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would indeed fulfill its pledge on the offsite road improvements. Mr. Kirschenbaum then proceeded to question the need for the project, and Mr. Urquhart again responded with strong support for the Agency. Mr. Lewis, DOD representative, ended this discussion with the statement that this issue had been resolved long ago when the Commission approved the Master Plan.

6. Another Commission Member then asked what the schedule was for the project, which gave the undersigned an opportunity to address the Commission and describe three bid packages and their scheduled interface with the offsite road improvements. The undersigned also reiterated the Agency's pledge to implement offsite road improvements and stated our intent to seek the Commission's final approval for site work (Bid Package #1) in December 1983. It was noted that Bid Package #1 represented only 12 percent of the construction project. A Commission Member then moved to accept the Staff's original Report except that the caveat for final approval be directed only to the building plans (Bid Package #2). Since this would permit the Commission to act on final approval of the site work (Bid Package #1) in December 1983, the undersigned stated that this would be acceptable to the Agency. The motion was passed without further discussion.

7. Following the Commission action and outside the room, Chairman Urquhart apologized for the remarks of Mr. Kirschenbaum. The undersigned thanked Mr. Urquhart for his strong support of the Agency and our actions.

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